

Messenger

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November 30, 2009

Morning Watch

Sundays 9:00 am

Christian Education

Sundays 9:15 am

Traditional Service

Sundays 10:30 am

Fellowship Hour

Sundays 11:30 am

Church Office

Monday – Friday
9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Staff

David P. Turner

Senior Minister

Renita Lewis Whitaker

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Organist

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2010 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN PULPIT UPDATE

As was stated last Sunday, the compacted Stewardship Campaign for support of Central Christian Church during 2010 is reaching the final stages. In fact, we are in the final stages. The congregation has responded well in spite of the shorter response time allowed for the submission of pledges. Based on the first 66 pledges that have been counted, giving is up and that is encouraging. A second letter was sent out to members and friends that had not submitted pledges as of November 22nd, on November 24th.



Hopefully your response will bring us to where we need to be in order to establish a workable budget for 2010 in the next two weeks. Your Stewardship Ministry will be earnestly working to draft a workable budget for presentation to the Executive Board by their meeting on December 15th. The Stewardship Ministry understands how various ministries and operations have worked to control expenses during 2009, and it looks that we will finish the year in line with the budget. However, God's work done through your church continues to need your support as we try to provide increased opportunities for you to receive the spiritual nourishment; guidance; and blessing that you need to serve the Lord as you desire. We ask for you to prayerfully consider submitting your pledge to this work ASAP. If you have misplaced the *Estimate of Giving Card* that was sent to you, please contact the church office and we will replace it.

Terry Sigman, Stewardship Chair

CHRISTMAS BASKET PROGRAM

The World Outreach/Social Concerns Ministry has begun their Christmas Basket Program. If you would like to help a family this holiday season, please stop by the table in the Narthex and pick up a tag that list a gift item on Sunday, December 6th and return gift on December 13th, wrapped with the tag attached. You can also make a financial donation by using offering envelopes located in the pews marked "Christmas Baskets." If you have any questions, please contact Beth Bentley via email at mbzbentley@yahoo.com or 436-4914.



Children's Christmas Program & Carry-In Dinner

Our Children's Christmas Program and Carry-In Dinner is Sunday, December 20th. The Carry-In Dinner will begin at 6:00 pm. followed by the Children's Christmas Program at 7:00 pm. Come and reconnect with family and friends as we rejoice in the birth of our Savior.

Family Christmas Eve & Traditional Candlelight Services



Family Christmas Eve Service - 5:30 pm

(Contemporary service designed with children in mind.)

Traditional Candlelight Service - 7:30 pm



Serving In December

- Deacon Captain:** Mark Sigman
Deacons Serving: John Brown, John Bucy, Adam Wiedeman, David Aebker, Joe Albrecht, David French, Brad Kassner, Lora Davidson and Greg Moon
Deacon Prep/Clean Up: Lourdes Giles
Elders for Communion
Dec 6th Dan and Jamie Oliver
Dec 13th Doug and Mary Lou Pence
Lay Leaders
Dec 6th Marty Robinson
Fellowship Hour
Dec 6th Public Relations
Dec 13th Max Lucado Class

Wall Calendar

The wall calendar located outside of the church office lists the scheduled activities of the church ministries. To get your activity listed on the wall calendar, please contact the church office.

The Week Ahead

Sunday, Dec 6th	9:00 am	Morning Watch
	9:15 am	Christian Education Max Lucado Class
	10:30 am	Traditional Service Godly Play
	11:30 pm	Fellowship Hour
Monday, Dec 7th	12:00 pm	Faith Finders/Seekers
	6:30 pm	Chi Rho and CYF
Wednesday, Dec 9th	9:00 am	Quilters
	9:30 am	Senior Fitness Class
Thursday, Dec 10th	9:30 am	Senior Fitness
	1:30 pm	Joanna Group
	5:45 pm	Dinner
	6:40 pm	Christmas Bible Study
Friday, Dec 11th	9:30 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	6:30 pm	Laudate Ringers
	7:30 pm	Chancel Choir
Saturday, Dec 12th	7:30 pm	Group Interaction Christmas Program
	9:00 am	Property Ministry Meeting
	1:00 pm	Cheers

Attention: CYF

CYF will be meeting at our regular time on Sunday, December 6th to work on our Christmas play and to talk about our Christmas party, so we need everyone to be here! If you have any questions, please contact Lisa French at limaefrench7@aol.com or 296-9245.

Messenger Holiday Schedule

The Messenger will not be published the week of the following holidays:
December 21st - Christmas
December 28th - New Year

Severe Driving Conditions

During the weather months we can expect days with unsafe driving conditions. To be informed if a church activity has been cancelled watch channels 2 and 7 for cancellations.

Members & Friends

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| Hospice Care | - Lillian White (Home) |
| | Pat Farnsley (Home) |
| Home Care | Henrietta Farrow |
| | Thelma Harman |
| | Robert and Frances Mayes |
| | Earline Grice |
| | Regina Kempton |
| | Norma Kirkland |
| | Bob and Jean Thompson |
| | Dorothy Ryan |
| | Doyle Ware |
| Autumn Health Care | - June Tate |
| Bethany | - Millie Molz |
| Harborside Healthcare | - Eleanor McNulty |
| Liberty Retirement Home | - Ed Bausman |
| Lincoln Park | - Merle Ryan |
| | Kathy Anderson |
| Summersville | - Marjorie Barkalow |
| | Marian Herron |
| Spring Creek | - JoAnn Reichbauer |
| Sterling House | - Elwood Byrnett |
| Sycamore Glen | - Anne Walters |
| Waterford Retirement | - Mary Rothenbuhler |

Sanctuary Flower on Sunday, November 30th was given by Lori Shaw of Vail, AZ., in memory and honor of her friend Veronica (McCall) Vulgamore.

Grand Piano Flowers were given by Darlene Rogers in honor of Dotty Parkhurst for who she is and what she does.



On Sunday, December 6th, **Dorothy Strasser** will celebrate her 91st birthday.

On Friday, December 18th, **Pete Byrnett** will celebrate 93rd.

On Thursday, December 24th, **Jack Bosron** will celebrate his 90th birthday.

On Thursday, December 24th, **Mary Catherine Stewart** will celebrate her 102nd birthday.

Worshipping at Central

Sunday, November 29, 2009

Christian Education	33
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Nursery/Godly Play	15
Morning Watch	17
Traditional Service	<u>139</u>
Total Worship Attendance	168



Living Faith Community Church

There is a schedule change for worship this coming Sunday. Service time for Sunday, December 6th, will be at 5:30 pm at the church (in front of Sycamore Hospital). Thank you to those who are helping to support our sister church through contributions and attendance.

Thank You!

A big Thank You! goes out to Tom Guy and Sherwood Florist and Sherwood Landscaping for the Thanksgiving Day meal that was held in our Fellowship Hall. After advertising in the area, a total of 110 people came together for a Thanksgiving feast provided and prepared by Tom and many volunteers. The flower arrangements on the tables were also beautiful and many went home with those who attended. Thank you again to everyone who helped make this event take place. Your help and support provided a meal and place to go for many who might have spent the holiday alone.

David P. Turner

Thanks from the bottom of my heart for all of the cards, prayers, and kindnesses offered to my family and me after my brother passed away back in April.

Carol Manda and family

A special thank you to everyone who made a contribution for Blanket Sunday. Your donations will provide warmth and shelter for individuals and families in need. Again, thank you for your continued support.

Phyllis Hagerty

Congratulations to Pat Buell

Woodland Cemetery selected the photograph "Gate and Shadow" for permanent display at its Mausoleum area. Photographer Pat Buell was inspired to capture the gate in black and white in order to showcase its detail and highlight how an element typically identified as ordinary could be transformed. Our congratulations to Pat for receiving this distinction and recognition of her work.

By a Kroger's Card to Give and Win

Buy a Kroger Gift Card from Larry Merkle or Rex Strine and 4% of your purchase will be given to Dayton Campus Ministries. Your gift card purchase will automatically enroll you to win either a 1-\$100 or 2-\$50 gift certificate given away in December, so buy now to give generously.

Giving Made Easy

Visit Central Christian website at www.ccc-ket.org and click on the giving tape to donate to your favorite ministry. This is a secure site that accepts credit card payments. Be sure to tell your friends and family.

Joanna Group

The Joanna Group will meet on Wednesday, December 9th at 1:30 pm in the Meeting Room. Bring an item for baby kits and a robe or night wear for Mercy Manor. If you have any questions, please contact Joan Norman at 254-3846.

NEXT STEPS...Navigating Your Spiritual Journey

DECEMBER – Tell Me the Story of Jesus.

9th The Nativity Story According to Matthew – Rev. David Turner
5:45 pm- Dinner & 6:40 pm – Program

16th The Nativity Story According to Luke – Rev. David Turner
5:45 pm- Dinner & 6:40 pm – Program

Do you know the real story of Christmas?

Group Interaction, Inc. Christmas Program

Group Interaction, Inc. invites you to a free Christmas Program on Friday, December 11th at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Come and enjoy a piano and harp performance by accomplished musician Tanya Noffsinger. Afterwards, join us in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments. For more information, contact Nancy Tossey at 439-3617.

Holiday Open House

Greg Knee who recently started his own business as a licensed massage therapist invites you to a Holiday Open House this Saturday, December 5th from 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm at 1615 S. Alex Road in West Carrollton. There will be refreshments, music, door prizes, holiday specials and gift certificates. Come, look around, relax and enjoy. For more information contact Greg Knee at 241-5382.

Advent Devotional Booklets

The Partners of Prayer booklet of meditations, devotions and prayers is available in the Narthex. During the time of Advent we must remember the love of God and the great gifts - the gift of forgiveness, the gift of new life and the gift of Jesus. Make sure you pick up yours.

Central Christian's Food Pantry

Last week we were able to feed 10 families thanks to your donations. Let's continue to feed the hungry in our community by donating. Donations can be placed on the table in the Narthex marked "Food Pantry." We also accept monetary donations.

Note: We are in need of paper bags.



Poinsettias

Please use this form to order your Christmas Poinsettias. The cost for each red poinsettia is \$10.00. Please your order early. The deadline to order is Sunday, December 13th. Payment must accompany your order, payable to Central Christian Church. You may place your order form and check in the offering plate or mail to church office.

I/we would like to order _____ poinsettias. (\$10.00 each).

In Honor of:

In Memory of:

Your Name:

Poinsettias will be used to decorate the Sanctuary from December 20th through December 27th

Thought for the Week

*The better we know his Word,
the more clearly we will know His will.*

The Last Word...

by David P. Turner

This past Sunday began the season of Advent – the season of waiting and watching for the coming of Christ. Wendy Wright, author of “The Vigil,” believes that the Church’s annual Advent vigil is a very special time of year for Christians – a time filled with opportunities to deepen our spiritual lives and grow closer to God. For her, Advent is a time when we can live out the promise of Psalm 46, “Be still and know that I am God.” She writes:

The ancient desert dwellers of our early Christian communities tell us that the surest way into the heart of God is to be still. In being still we learn to be attentive to the vast and hidden stillness that permeates all things. So I invite you to begin by becoming attentive to that stillness as well. Seek it first in your own home. Go at night into the darkened room of your sleeping child and breathe with the moist, quick risings of a child’s breath. Rise in the thin light of a new day. Do not turn on the lamp or the television or the coffee maker, but stand by an east window and let the dawn’s fingers creep up over the fingers of your own hand. Listen next for stillness as you venture out of doors. Hear it in the splintering of fall leaves as you cross a grassy knoll between paths in the park.







Find it in the first cape of snow draped over the eaves of your house. Turn finally to your own heart.

The same stillness is there as well. At the core, buried beneath the turbulence of emotions rubbed raw by life’s labor, is the same stillness discovered in the slow-moving sap of an autumn tree. In that primordial stillness beats the heart of God...

Advent is a time of stillness and preparation – a time of expectation and longing for the fullness of God. But it is also a time of joy and celebration, as we give voice to the joy that is already ours. Advent points us toward the “Hallelujah Chorus” of Christmas day, but it does so acknowledging that God is already as close to us as the air we breathe and the ground beneath our feet.

Join us each Sunday in our Advent journey toward Christmas. Come home for the holidays! Come home to where Christmas lives. But most of all, take time to listen in the stillness for the whisper of God’s voice. Join us as we lift our hearts and our voices in praise and thanksgiving for the gift of God’s light in the birth of our Savior.

P.S. Don’t forget our Christmas Bible studies on December 9th and 16th. Following a dinner at 5:45 p.m. we’ll study the nativity stories in Matthew (Dec. 9th) and Luke (Dec. 16th). I look forward to seeing you there!

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